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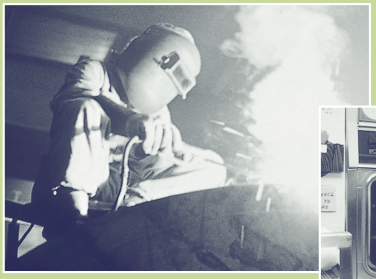
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH BRANCH

Promoting healthy workplaces for all Californians



FACTS

GETTING THE FACTS
Identifying hazards; finding out who gets sick or injured and how it happens

SOLUTIONS

FINDING NEW SOLUTIONS
Trying out new ways to keep workers safe and healthy

INFORMATION

INFORMATION FOR ACTION
Providing the tools for others to take action to prevent job hazards

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THE PROBLEM

Why should you be concerned about injury and illness on the job in California?

- Every day, thousands of Californians are injured or get sick as a result of their work.
- Work-related injury and illness hurt workers, families, business and our communities.
- Preventing workplace hazards not only saves lives, it makes good business sense.

SOLUTIONS...

What does OHB do to make workplaces safer?

The Occupational Health Branch (OHB) is a non-regulatory program in the California Department of Health Services. OHB works to prevent injury and illness on the job. We:

- Identify and evaluate workplace hazards
- Track patterns of work-related injury and illness
- Work with others to develop safer ways to work
- Provide information, training and technical assistance to prevent workplace injury and illness
- Recommend more protective workplace standards

Who do we work with?

- Employers and trade associations
- Workers, unions and advocacy groups
- Community and environmental groups
- Health professionals, educational institutions and government agencies

What can OHB do for you?

- **HELPLINES** OHB staff answer hundreds of calls a year about workplace hazards and how to prevent them.
- **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS** OHB develops training and informational materials to help workers, employers and others prevent injury and illness on the job.
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** OHB's staff of health and safety professionals, doctors, toxicologists and health educators provide assistance on many health and safety topics.
- **JOINT PROJECTS** OHB teams up with business, labor, public health agencies and researchers to work cooperatively on projects to prevent workplace injury and illness.

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OHB IN ACTION

Programs

- Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS)
- Occupational Health Surveillance and Evaluation Program (OHSEP)
- Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OLPPP)

Public Information Lines–*toll-free numbers for California callers*

- Workplace Hazard Helpline: (866) 282-5516
- Lead in the Workplace Information Line: (866) 627-1587
- Pesticide Poisoning Helpline: (866) 970-6680

FACTS

OHB investigates workplace injuries and illnesses to find out what happened and how similar incidents might be prevented in the future.

SOLUTIONS

OHB is working with partners in various industries to develop safer substitutes for toxic chemicals.

INFORMATION

OHB conducts trainings for workers and employers on how to prevent injury and illness.

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